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Resolution congratulating Pietro Tarantino for receiving the Ordine della Stella D'Italia Cavaliere (Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy) from the Italian Government

WHEREAS,

PIETRO TARANTINO

was awarded the Ordine della Stella D'Italia Cavaliere (Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy) from the Italian Government for his commitment in promoting Italian language, culture, and heritage at the Italian Consul General of Chicago on December 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Pietro Tarantino has shared the beauty of Italy as liaison between the Italian Community Center (ICC) Milwaukee and the Italian Government via the Italian Consulate in Chicago, Illinois, in being responsible the Sicilian Delegation's visit to the Midwest/Milwaukee, and organizing a visit to Milwaukee for the Mayor and Common Council of Bagheria; and

WHEREAS, Pietro Tarantino is responsible for bringing cultural events to the Milwaukee-area for decades, including art, entertainment, and music at the ICC and Fiesta Italiana, and has been civically involved as a board of director for the ICC, president/co-founder of Sicilia Mondo, Milwaukee Chapter, member of the Garibaldi Society and member of the San Giuseppe Society; and

WHEREAS, Pietro Tarantino has shared the beauty of Italy through media channels as co-host of the "Italian Hour" broadcast on WYMS Public radio for over 25 years and as chairman of the Newspaper Committee, editor and columnist for the "La Pagina Italiana" in the Italian Times; and

WHEREAS, Pietro Tarantino has shared his love for Italian food not only through his work in organizing events but through his own business Pietro's Pizza which is celebrating 45 prosperous years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Pietro Tarantino on being honored the Ordine della Stella D'Italia Cavaliere, recognizes him for commitment in promoting Italian language, culture, and heritage in the Milwaukee-area community, and wishes for him continued health and happiness; and, be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pietro Tarantino.

Introduced by Common Council members Tony Zielinski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 18, 2018